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The Prime Minister of Pakistan during his visit to the Ministry of Population Welfare on the proposal of the Minister had approved involvement of religious leaders in the Population Welfare Program. In the past, the Ministry has already sensitized 23,500 male/female religious leaders which include 305 Master Trainers and has recently taken measures to update the sensitization curricula in collaboration with Al-Azhar and other Muslim countries. Moreover, the Ministry organized a National Seminar on "Involvement of Religious leaders in Population Welfare Program" on 2nd July, 2009 to discuss in-depth repositioning of Family Planning/Reproductive Health within the Islamic perspective. The recommendations of the seminar are at Annex-I and the list of participants is at Annex-II

2. Consequently, the Ministry took up the matter with Provincial Population Welfare Departments, being implementers of Population Program. All, including AJK supported implementation of the initiative. The objective of this new initiative is to fine tune Population Policy for repositioning family planning and reproductive health in line with Islamic and socio-cultural perspectives. This will enable the masses to better understand the objectives and approach of Population Welfare Program and its effect on mother and child health leading to improved quality of life of the people.
3. In this regard, it was decided that a seminar on "Role/involvement of Religious leaders in Population Welfare Program" will be organized in each Provincial Headquarters including AJK. The religious leaders would be invited to seek suggestions and recommendations to engage them as social mobilizers at grass root level so that they could be instrumental in social mobilization and sensitizing the masses about population issues including the health of mother and child. For this purpose, data bank of Mosques/Madaris based religious leaders would be prepared by the Provincial Population Welfare Departments in coordination with Department of Auqaf at community level. Minorities will also be included and linked to Mosque/Madaris, Churches and Mandars etc. An Advisory Committee comprising representatives of Council of Islamic Ideology, Ministries of Religious Affairs, Education, Health, Women Development, Youth Affairs, Dawah Academy, International Islamic University would be constituted to plan, review and advise on implementation of the project.
4. It was decided that the meeting would be held in collaboration with the FALAH Project .

GROUP-I

Ulema's Role in Advancing the Goal of Family Well Being: Opportunities and Challenges

Recommendations:

- Change of logo
- Change of title of Family Planning.
- Continuous and lasting relationship between MoPW and Ulema to be established, one meeting at least in a quarter be conducted at all levels. . Regular Monitoring of the' effort of the Ulema by MoPW.
- Population planning should be introduced in the syllabus at all levels.
- A balance vision of MoPW being envisaged to avoid aging problems in next few decades.
- Equal representation should be given to Ulema from all provinces and all sects.
- MoPW literature should be published in all regional languages.
- Fatwa's of all School of Thoughts be incorporated in Population Planning literature.
- A separate department may be assigned for relationship with Ulema. . Provincial consultation to be conducted for making it more participatory and eliciting more views.
- A vision/mission/objective statement of Ulema role may be well defined in further consultation with Ulema.
- Balance advocacy with Education and Health information for females/males.
- Behaviour change advocacy be conducted for females from mature women.
- Coordination Committee be formulated from all sects at all levels that includes federal, provincial, district, tehsil and union council levels that includes renowned Ulema and Academicians.
- Religious leaders to be involved as male mobilizers in the Population Welfare Programme.
- A possible funding sources to be identified for the entire initiative of Ulema.
- A national debate to be conducted including male and female on different fatwa's and issues i.e Tawakal/health
- Incentive for less kids for the under privilege families.
- Quota for religious leaders/ulema in MoPW.

GROUP-II

Role of Gender from Islamic Perspective;

- Support Family Planning Programme
- Kept out of Development Affairs
- Awareness about Gender Affairs
- Emphasis on Mother's Health
- Breast Feeding
- Address misconception of Son preference
- Human /Child Rights
- Status of Women in Islamic Perspective
- Women's Education
- Gender Books
- District level Seminar for Ulema
- Madrassah's to include Family Planning in their curriculum
- Human Rights
- Preference for Physical Health of Women
- Education as a priority
- General Awareness
- Adapt Sex Education according to Islam and our Culture
- Discussion of Religious leaders on Television regarding Family Planning
- Discuss the Rights of Women in Islam
- Include the topic of Family Planning subject in College / University's Syllabus

Group III

Social Cultural Barriers And Remedial Measures In Promoting Maternal And Child Health;

- Expand religious and contemporary education focusing on religious rights of children, pregnant women, rights of wives and parent. .
- Introduce Social security system for poor.
- Ensure breast feeding through education based on scientific and religious precepts
- Recommend and propagate advantages of birth spacing on account of maternal and child and family health
- Improve quality of services in public sectors in rural areas ensure female staff availability
- Involvement of religious scholars in all aspects of policy making
- Establish committee of top religious scholars to issue religious edicts
- Expand midwife services
- Establish telephonic network of religious leaders propagate telephone numbers so people can seek religious guidance
- Involve Nikah Khawan in educating the married couples

Meeting Program

0845-0900	Registration
INAUGURAL SESSION	
0900-0905	Recitation from the Holy Quran and Translation: Qari Najam Mustafa
0905-0915	Welcome Address: <i>Secretary, Ministry of Population Welfare.</i>
0915-0935	Presentations:
0935-1000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Population and Development – Shifting Focus to Family Well Being: <i>By Dr. Mumtaz Esker, DG (Technical), MoPW.</i> Islamic Perspective in Support of Family Well Being <i>By Dr. Miraj-ul-Islam Zia, University of Peshawar</i>
Session 1	RELIGIOUS PERSPECTIVE IN SUPPORT OF FAMILY WELL BEING Facilitator: Dr. Miraj-ul-Islam Zia, Chairman, Department of Islamiyat, University of Peshawar, Peshawar
1000-1230	<u>Group Work:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group-I : Ulema's Role in Advancing the Goal of Family Well Being: Opportunities and Challenges: <i>Moderator: Mr. Iftikhar Durrani, CEO, NATPOW.</i> Group-II : Family Well Being and Role of Gender from Islamic Perspective: <i>Moderator: Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Khan, DG (Projects), MoPW</i> Group-III : Socio Cultural Barriers and Remedial Measures in Promoting Maternal & Child Health: <i>Moderator: Dr. Ali Mir, Population Council/FALAH.</i>

Session 2	CLOSING SESSION Facilitator: Director General (Program)
1230-1400	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Presentations. • Final Recommendations • Address by the Honourable Minister
1400	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer/Lunch

Group-I

Topic: Ulema's Role in Advancing the Goal of Family Well Being: Opportunities and Challenges:

Moderated by Mr. Iftikhar Durrani, CEO, NATPOW.

S.No.	Name of Religious Leader
1.	Hafiz Maqsood Ahmed, Khateeb, Jamia Masjid, Shah Jamal, Lahore.
2.	Ms. Wahida Ibrahim, Teacher, Kanzul Eeman, Rawalpindi.
3.	Syed Iftikhar Hussain Jafri Teacher in Jamia Rizvia, Sadiqabad, Rawalpindi
4.	Sahibzada Fazal-ul-Rehman Okarvi Mohtamim Jamia Ashraf-ul-Madaras, Okara Member Sunni Ittehad Council, Pakistan
5.	Moulana Badaruddin, MA (Islamic Culture Elmi Fazal) Khateeb Bahishti Masji, Larkana Kfla Sahari, Ali Goharabad, Larkana.
6.	Molana Abdur Rehman Qamar, Kotli Imam, Imamia Colony, D.I. Khan City.
7.	Ms. Fatima, Peshawar Muhallah Musa Khel, Village Sufaid Dheri, Peshawar University Road, Peshawar.
8.	Moulana Qari Abdul Rasheed, Koocha Sher Muhammad Jan Road, Quetta.
9.	Ms. Safia Towasli, Principal, Fatima tul Zahra, Balochistan,
10.	Qazi Muhammad Ibrahim,m Associate Professor, Deputy Director Colleges, AJK
11.	Ms. Najma Ghazi, D/o Muhammad Ghazi Lali Mohallah Amphary, Gilgit.
12.	Syed Ishaq Shah Mandi Chowk FR, Peshawar (FATA)

13.	Mr. Ashab Ali Bangash, Village & Tehsil Shalozan Parachinar, Upper Kurram Agency.
14.	Pir Mufti Muhammad Zahoor Ullah Hashmi, Central Chairman/Chief Coordinator Ulema Wing, MoPW.
15.	Pirzada Nisar ul Mustafa, Central Vice Chairman.
16.	Pir Sheraz Baba, Provincial President, NWFP.
17.	Mr. Faiz Ali Kirpalvi, Abdullah Imamia Trust, Raja Bazar, Siaklokt
18.	Mr. Mumtaz Hussain, Advocate, Chamber 41, District Court, Sialkot.
19.	Mr. Hafiz bagh, Khateeb Jamia Masjid Ghausia and Madrassah Islamia Zia ul Haq colony Police Station Pir Wadahi, R awalpindi.
20.	Mr. Makhdoom Syed Nazakat Hussain Shah, Sajada Nasheen Dur Gaha Bari Imam, Noor Pur Shahan, Islamabad
21.	Mr. Allama Akhtar Abbas, Markazi Imam Bar Gaha, G-6/2, Islamabad.

Group-II

Topic: Family Well Being and Role of Gender from Islamic Perspective:

Moderated by Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Khan, DG (Projects), MoPW

S.No.	Name of Religious Leader
1.	Molana Abdul Sattar Shakir Jamia Naeemia, Ghari Shahoo, Lahore.
2.	Ms. Huma Aslam Teacher in Jamia tul Zehra, Rawalpindi
3.	Dr. Shahnaz Ghazi, Assistant Professor, Department of Quran and Sunnah, University of Karachi.
4.	Moulana Syed Qamar Abbas Naqvi, Principal, Dargah Abu Fazal Abbas, Nazar Muhallah, Larkana.
5.	Ms. Zakia Khatoon, Principal, Jamia Tul Zainbia Kotli Imam, Imamia Colony, D.I. Khan
6.	Moulvi Abdul Mateen, Balochistan, Quetta.
7.	Syed Hashim Mousvi, Balochistan, Quetta
8.	Moulana Qari Abdul Hafeez, Khateeb Jamia Masjid Muhammadia, Government High School, Quetta.
9.	Mufti Kifayat Hussain Naqvi, G.P.O Box No.12, Muzaffarabad
10.	Molana Shahab-ud-Din Mandani, Muzaffarabad.
11.	Mrs. Masooma Jaffari, W/o Sheikh Muhammaz Raza. Skardu.
12.	Maulana Tehsin Ullah Madrassa Imdadul Ulum, Majsid Darvesh, Peshawar.
13.	Pir Shahid Naqshbandi, Chairman, NWFP.
14.	Pir Muhammad Rustam Khan Haideri, President, Islamabad.
15.	Pir Khawaja Farzand Gul Badshah, Provincial Chairman, Punjab.
16.	Haji Muhamamd Aziz Khan Niazi, Central Secretary General.
17.	Mr. Muhammad Afzal Hydri, Jamia-tul-Muntazir, "F" Block, Model Town, Lahore
18.	Mr. Hafiz Naseem Mahmood Khalil, Khateeb Noor Masjid Dav

	College road ward No.45 city police station, Rawalpindi.
19.	Mr. Makhdoom Syed Zakir Hussain Shah, Sajada Dur Gaha, Bari Imam, Islamabad.
20.	Mr. Mehmood ul Haq Alvi, Markazi Imam Hussain Council, Chairman, Haqas, Blue Area, H. No.41, St No.32. F -6/1, Islamabad.
21.	Maulana Shahid Mahmood Abbasi, Madrassah Arbia Masjid Owais Qarni, St No.54, I-10/1, Islamabad

Group-III

**Topic: Socio Cultural Barriers and Remedial Measures in Promoting
Maternal & Child Health:**

Moderated by Dr. Ali Mir, Population Council/FALAH.

S.No.	Name of Religious Leader
1.	Mufti Muneeb-ur-Rehman, Chairman Rout-e-Hilal Committee, B-287, Block-II, Gulistan-e-Jauhar, Karachi.
2.	Abu Masood Ghulam Ali Qamer Divisional Kahteeb Auqaf, Rawalpini.
3.	Mrs. Shaista Zaidi, Butrab Batul Imam Bargah, Defense Phase -IV, DHA, Karachi.
4.	Mr. Abdul Khaliq, Banglow No.C-46, Housing Society, Shaheed Benzair Abad (Nawabshah)
5.	Dr. Miraj-ul-Islam Zia, Chairman, Department of Islamiyat, University of Peshawar.
6.	Qazi Wasi-ur-Rehman, Mohallah Panjmiral, PO Shinkiari, Tehsil & Distt, Mansehra.
7.	Mrs. Bibi Kalsoom Madrass tul Binnat, Koocha Sher Muhammad Jan Road, Quetta.
8.	Bushra Tabish Naqvi Markazi Imam Bargah Pir Alam Shah Bukhari, Muzaffarabd
9.	Mr. Deedar Ali S/o Mehar Ali, Gilgit Sajjadia Mohallah, Gilgit
10.	Moulana Muhammad Sadiq, S/o Haji Bakha, Thore, Chilas
11.	Dr. Ibadat Shah Dilawar, S/o Dilawar, Damas, Ghizer.
12.	Ms. Samina Sadiq, Vice Principal, Darul Alum Jaferia (Reg), Peshawar.
13.	Ms. Khalida Abid Khan, Principal, Girls College of Education for Elementary Teachers, Kyber Agency At Jamrud (FATA)

14.	Alhaj Fazal-ur-Rehman, Vice Chairman, NWFP
15.	Mr. Allah Yar Khan, Central Press Secretary, NWFP.
16.	Pir Mohammad Ibrahim, Central President, Tarnol
17.	Sahibzada Abdul Mustafa Hazarvi, Jamian Nizamia Rizvia, Inside Lohar Gate, Lahore
18.	Mr. Syed Anees ul Husnain Naqvi, Markazi Imam Hussain Council, Imam Bar Gah Jamia Sadiq, G -9/2 Karachi Company, Islamabad.
19.	Mr. Syed Zafar Ali Naqvi, Markazi Imam Bar Gaha , G-6/2, Islamabad.
20.	Maulana Malik Muhammad Siddique Zai, Nazim Darul Uloom Ziaul Madaris I-11/4, Islamabad.
21.	Mr. Allama Inayat Ali Shakir, H. No.92, St No. 35, G-6/2, Islamabad

Pictorial View of the Seminar







